

Webster's Dictionary.—We have for a long time been waiting for an opportunity to insert the advertisement of Messrs. ISON & BRAD, and in connection therewith to speak in the beginning terms of the merits of this rival of the great American lexicographer. In the mean time we have had the work on our table side by side with Webster's, and by a free use of both we have become familiar with their relative claims. The fact of our respect for Webster is no doubt gathered from previous notices of his work, but we are not so partial in that respect as not to be able to see, and admit much that is worthy of commendation in his great rival. Webster's is the pioneer, and like all pioneers, the work of his great intellect is more herculean than that of him who follows after, and improves upon his labors. Worcester has done this. He has given to the world a work which in our opinion has several points of superiority to Webster's. This superiority does not consist, however, in the essential matter of definitions, for as a general thing they are less full than his. More concise and less varied, they approach the popular want more truly than Webster, whose unrivaled merit is his fullness and critical regard for the different shades of meaning to which a word is susceptible. The advantages enjoyed by Worcester are, that his volume comes from the hands of its author, and is in regular order, adapted to all the improvements and increased facilities of the present day, while Webster's plates were prepared far back in the order of time. The addition of new words to Worcester have been inserted in their proper places in regular progress of preparation; while Webster's have been placed, as they must necessarily have been, by themselves, at the end of the volume. Then the illustrations, which now form a conspicuous feature of lexicography, are very happily interspersed through the book in their appropriate places; while, as in the case of additions, Webster's are clustered at the beginning of his book, advantages which he must concede to enjoy until Webster is revised, and the elaborate and expensive work of preparing a new plate is gone through with. Then Worcester has the advantage in the size of type, and less solid character of the page, giving an increased clearness and attractiveness to the typographical execution. With some, another advantage would be, the hundred or so words in which Webster's authorship is peculiar. Worcester conforms to the popular notion. In division, a matter of special regard with printers, we hesitate not to give the latter our preference. With all our tenderness and reverence for Webster, we have regretted our inability to agree with him in this respect. These, then, are the advantages which have struck us as possessed by the more recent work. With many, they have out-weighted other considerations, and led to its exclusive adoption. As we have said, we have both, and thereby meet the deficiencies of either. We could not part with Webster, and should be very unwilling to be deprived of his great rival. The old work has the advantage of universal familiarity and advertisement, while the new rival beats against a head current of prejudice, but works it away, we understand, with a commendable degree of success. The course adopted by itself is the one we would recommend to others, purchase both. The reader is referred to the adv. of the firm alluded to, who are the agents of the Worcester work in Cleveland, and are gentlemen in every way worthy of patronage, and whose large stock of every class of books enables them to supply any orders.

Writing Class.—Mr. J. T. ALMOR, well known to our citizens as a teacher of penmanship, will open a class at Temple's Hall, on Monday evening next. Those wishing to engage with the class are desired to be present if possible at the opening.

PLATT R. SPENCER.—We have the January No. of the N. Y. Teacher, in which we find a steel engraving of great fidelity, and autograph of this eminent prof. of penmanship, accompanying a brief biography of the man, by S. S. PARKMAN. We have read the latter with interest, as we always do anything relative to Mr. SPENCER, since we became acquainted with him through the agency of a check, in blank, with signature, sent us in payment of a printer's bill. This novel mode of dealing with a stranger, was as judicious as his character, and at once put us upon terms of pleasant relationship. The writer of the biography alludes to the devotion of his friend to his pursuit, and his struggle with discouragements, and the steady and unflinching perseverance which have placed him so far beyond all competitors as a chirographer. Mr. P. is so intimately and favorably known here as to make a reproduction of his history unnecessary.

CHARGE.—FRENCH & SMALLER, of the Painesville Press & Advertiser, have sold out to H. C. GRAY. Mr. G. is favorably and generally known, and will no doubt meet the expectations of the numerous friends of that journal.

THE COLR CASE.—In the case of Margaret Fuller vs. Hephzibah Cole, a motion for new trial was argued last week, and on Saturday Judge WILSON decided that he would either reduce the verdict of the Jury to \$1200, or grant a new trial, as the counsel for plaintiff might choose. The counsel accepted the first alternative, so it is to be hoped we have heard the last of this affair.—Painesville Press.

FAMILY HOME.—This new and elegant structure, says the Painesville Press, is being pushed as fast as possible, but will yet require some three months' time before it can be got ready for opening.

THE CONCERT OF PROF. HOPKINS. on Wednesday evening, proved a very pleasant entertainment, and the company though somewhat reduced on account of other entertainments occurring the same evening, was nevertheless overflowing in number. Mr. JOHN MANFIELD, Mr. W. H. HOPKINS, Mr. T. H. HOPKINS, and the two Misses WADSWORTH, of Madison were the vocal performers, and their respective parts were creditably discharged. The sisters Wadsworth are well trained vocalists, and their performance would have any entertainment of the kind. The performance upon the piano by Miss ANNAND, Miss HUNTER, the elder of the sisters, and Mr. HOPKINS was of very good, and the violin performance was of more than usual merit. — JOHN T. DUNN, our Irish song, which so pleased the forerunners of the audience, which brought into exercise the vocal execution with happy effect.

MARRIED. At the Jefferson House, Feb. 26, by the Rev. Thomas Oliver, Miss MAY DUTTON to Mr. JAMES CARSWELL, both of Ashland.

DIED. On Wednesday, Feb. 25, CORNELL W. CLARK, aged 10 years.

THE UNDERSIGNED, have this day formed a partnership in the Tanning and Currying Business.

Under the name and style of SMITH & CARPENTER, they will at all times keep a complete assortment of Boots and Shoes, French and English, for sale at Wholesale and Retail, at cheap rates as can be had in this market.

W. W. SMITH, of Painesville, and J. W. CARPENTER, of Ashland, April 1, 1861.

LIFE IN THE NORTH.—BARD TAYLOR lectures on this subject to our Christian friends on the 23d, to which they have cordially sent us a ticket. See adv.

A Word to Illustrators.—When you go home to tea, and find that Mr. Smith has succeeded by a simple turn of the wrist, in producing some of those awful-looking beauties, which are your special avocation, and as you with a familiar nod recognize the eruptive countenances of your old enemies, don't go off into one of those paroxysms of rage and disgust, which always make you so particularly disagreeable; but, on the contrary, mildly, yet with becoming dignity, place your hand in your pocket, and extricate from his long confinement the dime which shall place Mrs. S. in possession of a package of De Land's Chemical Saleratus, with which she cannot fail to have perfect success in making biscuit, pastry, &c. Manufactured, and for sale at wholesale by D. B. De Land & Co., Fairport, Monroe Co., N. Y. De Land & Co.'s Saleratus is now for sale at retail by most of the dealers.

JAMES COWTIGHT. For many years a citizen of Madison, died suddenly in a fit of apoplexy on Thursday last week.

Gov. Floyd, ex-Secretary of War, arrived to-day to stand his trial before the Criminal Courts on the charges growing out of the Indian Trust Bids defalcation.

The Commissioners from the Southern Confederacy have arrived.

John Forsyth, of the Mobile Register, is to be the writer of the dispatches to this government.

Jeff. Davis has ordered Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard, recently Major in the U. S. Engineer Corps, to proceed to Charleston at once, and take command of the forces now raised and to be raised for the investment of Fort Sumter.

Chief Justice Taney who administered the oath of office to Mr. Lincoln, yesterday, has heretofore administered it to President Van Buren, Harrison, Tyler, Polk, Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce and Buchanan.

The Galveston Citizen contains a letter from Gen. Houston declaring himself against secession, but saying that it will bring ruin and civil war. Yet if the people call for it he will bear it with them.

The Germans in the interior of Texas are preparing to leave the State on account of secession. They think they will go to Central America, particularly to the plains of Nicaragua.

The Natchez (Miss.) Courier says there was no sound of rejoicing at the elevation of JEFF. DAVIS, in that city. The people simply felt that he has got what he has been struggling after for ten years past — a Presidency.

The opinion of CALVIN CUSHING, to the effect that the government of the U. States is responsible for the fraudulent acceptance of John B. Floyd, late Secretary of War, is indignantly denounced by many of the most eminent constitutional lawyers now in Washington.

Special Notices. **Chills and Fever!** CHILLS AND FEVER! — One of the greatest remedies that has ever been had before the public for Fever and Chills, and which have rendered the most vigorous from the press and people, is Dr. J. H. Allen's Chills and Fever Remedy. It is a simple, safe, and reliable remedy, and is the only one that can be relied upon in all cases of Chills and Fever, whether arising from the malarial influence, or from any other cause. It is a simple, safe, and reliable remedy, and is the only one that can be relied upon in all cases of Chills and Fever, whether arising from the malarial influence, or from any other cause.

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